

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The foregoing amendment and the following arguments are provided to impart precision to the claims, by more particularly pointing out the invention, rather than to avoid prior art.

Specification

The title of the invention is objected to for not being descriptive of the invention to which the claims are directed. Applicant has amended the title to read “**Method and Apparatus for Deferring Register Renaming**”. Applicant submits that this updated title adequately summarizes the invention to which the claims are directed. If the Examiner disagrees, Applicant respectfully requests guidance as to a title that would be more appropriate.

The abstract of the disclosure is objected to for failing to properly summarize Applicant's invention. Applicant has amended the abstract accordingly.

The specification is objected to for having the phrase “is disclosed” therein at page 5, line 4. Applicant has amended the specification accordingly.

Drawings

The drawings are objected to for various reasons. An amended set of drawings is filed herewith.

Claims Objections

Claim 8 is objected to for missing a "of" before "status bits". Appropriate correction is made in the amended claims.

Claim 10 is objected to for various grammatical informalities. Appropriate correction is made in the amended claims.

35 U.S.C. §112 Rejections

Claims 1-16 are rejected under 35 USC §112, first paragraph, for failing to comply with enablement requirements. Particularly, claims 1, 9, and 14 each recite the term "after" in regard to two events. The term has been removed from the amended claims. Accordingly, Applicant submits that the rejections are overcome.

Claims 2-16 are rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Particularly, "the register renaming unit" in line 1 of claim 2 lacks antecedent basis. Appropriate correction is made in the amended claims. Claim 8 is indefinite because it is not clear how a bit can contain a ready bit and a committed bit. Appropriate clarification is made in the amended claims. Claims 9, 10, 14, and 16 are rejected for insufficient antecedent basis for various elements. Appropriate correction is made in the amended claims.

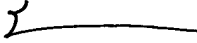
Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call Erik Metzger, attorney for Applicant, at (512) 732-3922.

If any additional fees are required, please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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